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***Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)***

The reply filed on May 6, 2003 is considered non compliant because it is has not properly submitted in the format required under 37 CFR 1.121, as amended on September 8, 2000 (see 65 Fed. Reg. 54603, Sept. 8, 2000 and 1238 O.G. 77, September 19, 2000).

The amendment is non-complaint as applicant has not included a proper "clean" version of the amended claims as required by 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(i). As stated in the rule and repeated below: for a rewritten or newly added claim in clean form a parenthetical expression should follow the claim number indicating the status of the claim as amended or newly added (e.g., "amended", "twice amended" or "new"). Note that applicant's clean copy does not contain the parenthetical expression "amended" or "twice amended" or "new" .

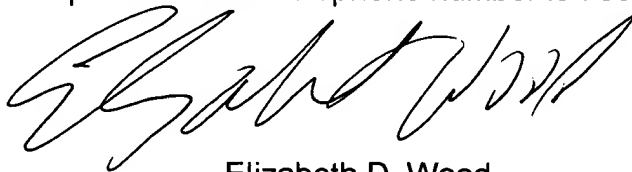
Applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of **ONE (1) MONTH** or **THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to submit an amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121, effective March 1, 2001, in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Elizabeth D. Wood whose telephone number is 703-308-3802. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 5:30-2:00.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0661.



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